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Dirty Harry: I'm a libertarian

*Clint Eastwood's announcement "makes my day,"
says National Director of Libertarian Party*

WASHINGTON, DC — Watch out liberals and conservatives — Dirty Harry is a libertarian.

That's what movie star Clint Eastwood announced this month in *Playboy* magazine.

In an interview in the March issue, the Academy Award-winning actor and director candidly affiliated himself with the growing libertarian movement when he was asked: "How would you characterize yourself politically?"

The laconic Eastwood answered, "Libertarian" — and then went on to explain the philosophy in simple terms: "Everyone leaves everyone else alone."

He also took a swipe at the Republicans and Democrats, noting that neither of those political parties "seems to have the ability to embrace that sort of thing."

"Talk about making my day," said the Libertarian Party's National Director, Perry Willis. "Having Clint Eastwood declare himself a libertarian is better than a fistful of dollars. We hope his announcement will have a sudden impact on the public's awareness of the libertarian philosophy — and the Libertarian Party, too."

However, voters shouldn't expect to see "Dirty Harry For President" bumperstickers appearing soon; Eastwood flatly rejected a career in politics. "Being a politician is about the last thing I'd want to do," he said. "It's a lot of work and a lot of frustration."

But if the star of the popular *Dirty Harry* movies ever changes his mind, Willis says he'd love to sit down and talk to him.

"If Mr. Eastwood ever decides to join the Libertarian Party or seek public office on our ticket, we'd be happy to discuss with him how he could advance the cause of liberty in America," he said. "Until that time, however, Libertarians are delighted that he's on our side philosophically."

Eastwood joins a growing number of individuals in the entertainment industry who have identified themselves as libertarians. Included are TV star John Laroquette, humorist Dave Barry, author P.J. O'Rourke, actor Russell Means, magician Penn Jillette, author Camille Paglia, TV reporter John Stossell, and comedian Dennis Miller.

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